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Library Festival of Reading Presents Maria Emilia Castagliola

The Lake County Library System's Festival of Reading will feature Maria Emilia Castagliola, Cuban-American artist On Wednesday, April 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Puryear Building, 243, S. Lake Avenue, Groveland. Ms. Castagliola will present *Neither a Culture nor a Race*, a presentation that surveys the breadth of diversity among the many cultures of Spanish speaking artists working in the United States. Her intent is to reevaluate a metaphor that compares the United States to a "melting pot" in favor of advancing the legacy of a multicultural vision. Ms. Castagliola was the only area artist in "Cuba-USA: The First Generation," an invitational exhibit of Cuban exiles that traveled throughout the United States and in Europe.

This special program will be hosted by the staff of the Marion Baysinger Memorial County Library. The public is invited to this **free** presentation sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council, a non-profit organization funded by private donations, the National Endowment for the Humanities and Florida's Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.